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Director Johns F. Carter FDIC San Francisco Regional Office 25 Jessie Street at Ecker Square, Suite 2300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Carter:

Today we are celebrating our 100th year of serving Holly Hill, and the surrounding area. As we have grown and added new branches, we've seen many small mom & pop groceries, local hardware stores, and pharmacies close because they lost market share to Wal Mart and other mega stores. My concern is what may happen to community banks like ours if Wal Mart were allowed to open a bank in each of its stores. We could also loose market share, and not be around to serve our area for the next hundred years.

The future of community banking may be at stake here. We don't need Wal Mart in the banking business.

Sincerely.

J. Lockwood Hart

Executive Vice President

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